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The Radio Ass'n. of Erie, Inc. Serving area "Hams" for over 27 years.

December 4, 1975

The December meeting of the Radio Assn. of Erie Inc. was called to order at 8:05 PM by WA3VXZ.

Officers present: WA3VXZ, W3NGI, W3STK, WA3MKT.

Directors present: WA3HSR, WA3HDK, W3NFM, W3UCX, K3NAU, K3QHO.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CARS Newsletter

The Hilltopper newsletter

Erie County Civil Defense

K3NAU presented a bill of \$5.70 for the name tags used at the Tri-State Banquet, the bill was paid.

COMMITTEES:

QUA-RAE- No report.

Repeater- K3NAU reported that the repeater has been moved to WA3TRJ's QTH to evaluate the site for use as a satellite ~~base~~ receiver. It is also planned that the machine be placed at the elevator tower and that both locations will be temporary. Chuck also mentioned that all the projects on the repeater had not been completed, some were battery backup power, documentation, intrusion alarm, etc. Chuck also reminded us that the Repeater Committee meeting is an open meeting and all interested parties are welcome.

Flea Market- WA3HDK stated that he had sent CARS the letter (mentioned in November minutes) stating the RAE's view of the Swapfest and that the letter be made a part of the minutes. Discussion followed on whether or not the RAE should send disclaimer letters to the four major Ham publications. W3NGI stated that we should try one more time to iron-out our differences. WA3HDK made a motion that he write a letter inviting the CARS representatives to Erie the 18th of December so that an agreement might be reached. Motion seconded by WA3HSR and so passed.

Membership- WA3HDK reported that he has collected \$183.00 for dues at the banquet and in the mail and \$51.00 from the November meeting. Bob also stated that we are going to have to have membership cards printed very soon and that prices range from \$40 to \$100 for 1000 cards. The membership agreed that the club should have a contest for the design of the membership cards, entries should be submitted on the 8th of January, at the RAE meeting.

CD- W3KPM stated that the Erie County Civil Defense has set aside money in the 1976 budget for some new 2 meter FM equipment.

Code & Theory Class- W3NGI reported that out of 62 students in the novice class 41 remain and 18 have already passed the code test. 10 to 15 general class students are ready to try to pass the test in Buffalo. As activities chairman W3NGI reported that the Tri-State Banquet was a success and that 142 people attended; also that the RAE Christmas party will be held December 20th at the Stockholm Smorgasbord at 7 PM.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: W3KPM stated that the coupons on the club bonds are not clipped automatically and that he would do it this time but Tom wanted to have someone else volunteer to clip them. WN3AAB and K3NAU volunteered.

WA3HDK made a motion that W3KPM and W3AQY be thanked for their service to the club (clipping the coupons) over the years. Seconded by W3NGI, motion passed.

WN3AAB asked about Field Day and W3NGI stated that he would get on it.

WA3MKT made a motion for adjournment, seconded by K3QHO, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Cutter
WA3MKT

REPEATER COMMITTEE MINUTES December 11, 1975

At the December Repeater Committee meeting, I was elected your chairman, and Marty was re-elected as treasurer. The post of secretary is at the moment unfilled, and anyone wishing to accept this position will be gratefully accepted. Only 5 people attended the election meeting...hopefully more of you will get involved as the new year progresses.

WR3ACA was moved back to the Synthane-Taylor elevator tower, as probably everyone using it is aware. Some of the people making the back-breaking move were Chuck, K3NAU; Jim, K3QHO; Mike, K3YAK; Mike, WA2BKQ, and Hank Mroczkowski (who provided the vehicle.) Thanks should also go to WA3UDH, WA3UVI & WA3LSY who made the initial temporary move to Hoppy's house, as well as anyone I missed along the way. Since the move, the antenna subsystem at the elevator tower has been replaced by a 5/8 wave vertical ground-plane from WA3AWB while the omni antenna (which had been unattended) was removed for tests and maintenance. The repeater is functioning very well, although the power out is about 55 or 60 watts, and some desense problems still exist, for which a work party up the tower headed by WA3MKT was held.

With the move, the in-town coverage of 34-94 increased dramatically... while the county coverage dropped off from its former extent at the CD farm. This has spurred much debate about possible solutions, among which are 1.) Crosslink with 69-09 in Corry for more county coverage; 2.) Relocate back at the CD Farm; 3.) Satellite Receivers, etc. For right now, it will stay put hopefully until the January meeting where all the proponents can get together and present their ideas. The meeting will be pushed back 1 week per New Year's Holiday...it will be January 15th (Thursday) at the Red Cross at 8:00 PM.

--WA3ZXO Maurice Baker

EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 1976 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be run on January 24-25 as announced recently by the ARRL. In a effort to make this years' SET drill realistic, I met with Mr. Ross Webb, Erie County's CD co-ordinator, to discuss my plans with him.

I wanted to have the Hospital Net activated during the drill. In fact, the efficient operation of the new was an intergral part of the drill and its success was dependent upon its efficient operation. However, because of the recent net exercise in October, it was generally felt that the hospital administrators would not be receptive to the idea of another drill so soon. Mr. Ross explained that hospital net participation would be better done in late April or early May, the time of routine hospital drill exercises.

It is with this in mind that I have posponed the SET drill for Erie County until that time. The ARRL set-up allows a two month drill period. (One month before and after the January 24-25 date. December 1975 QST magazine.) Our disaster drill in the spring will not be soon enough to be counted in ARRL scoring as a result of this decision.

This does not mean that SET will go unnoitice in Erie County. During any emergency condition, thousands of messages are handled by amateurs. The goal of SET is to jam the National Traffic System with as much traffic as possible. This part of SET will be played up big in the local area. I have proposed a message gathering center be established at a local shopping center and am presently making arrangements for this. The general public will be invited to send a message anywhere in the county. (Of course the messages will be limited to 25 words) It is hoped that much traffic will be originated in this manner just as it was in the 1973 SET. Local amateurs will also be encouraged to originate messages to friends which can then be handled by NTS.

Local nets will be active during SET '76. Try to check in on the LEEN at 29.0 Mhz, or on 146.34-.94. Perhaps the 6 meter AM net can be activated on 50.52 Mhz also. If you wish to send a message, check in on one of these frequencies and your traffic can then be relayed to Erie county SET headquarters at the EOC. Operations at the EOC will include stations on the NTS and Pennsylvania Phone Net (PFN) on 3940.

Operators will be needed to handle traffic at the message gathering center and also at the EOC. You needn't be a traffic expert to help out. We'll be looking for your help in this drill and really would appreciate a few hours of your time. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your services, please call me at 833-9649.

73's
Mike, WA3HSR
Erie County EC

WIAW BULLETINS (headings omitted to save space)

NR 563, December 4, 1975

Remote control of amateur radio stations has been deregulated considerably. Effective December 1, the information formerly required to be filed with FCC for remote control under section 97.41 of the rules becomes a logging requirement instead, under section 97.11. . . . and trustees may make technical changes without first securing commission approval. However, they should now enter the system's network diagram and related information in the station log. Also remotely controlled stations other than auxiliary link stations may now be operated away from their licensed locations. See happenings, February QST for details or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Remote, ARRL, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

NR 564, December 11, 1975

Postage rates will go up effective December 28. Users of the ARRL QSL Bureau are asked to supply a three cent stamp to cover each ten cent stamp already on file at the Bureau. Amateurs sending call envelopes after December 28 should have appropriate multiples of thirteen cents postage on them, with the call sign and full address. See December QST for details on Bureau use and the correct address for each call area.

SPECIAL BULLETIN NR 0, December 15, 1975

The Federal Communications Commission is proposing to require that original licenses and not photocopies be attached to applications for renewal or modification of the primary station license. The proposal in Docket 20672 is in reaction to applications filed by some amateurs in which the accompanying photocopy was altered from the original. Comment deadline, in an original and 11 copies, is January 22, with reply copy by February 2, 1976. A separate action continues FCC deregulation of amateur radio by dropping, as of December 24, 1975, the requirement for minimum operating time and code speed as a condition for renewal of amateur licenses.

WIAW Bulletins copied on RATT by
Jerry Owens, K3KAP

FROM THE BOARD

At the Election meeting on December 4, 1975, the two outgoing board members, Jim Fitzreiter K3QHO, and Mike Hall WA3HSR were re-elected for another 3-year term. Joe Barna WA3VXZ, our outgoing president, will automatically serve a one-year term. Other offices for 1976 are: President, Frank Grace W3NGI; Vice President, Bud Hopking WA3TRJ; Secretary, NORMA VANDERHOF WA3KKT; Treasurer, Scotty Forbes W3STK; Board Chairman, Bob Bair WA3HDK; Board Secretary, Mike Hall WA3HSR; Field Day Chairman, Ron K WA3UDH. Other Board members: Chuck Bliley, K3NAU; Jim Fitzreiter K3QHO, Dick Conley W3NFM; Chuck Manross, WA3KAI.

Mike Hall, WA3HSR
Secretary

TRI-STATE BANQUET A SUCCESSby Jean Mehnert

The weatherman provided a fall-like evening and over one hundred hams XYL's, YL's and family attended the Tri-State RAE Banquet held at the Sunset Inn on November 22.

The enjoyable evening hosted by Frank Grace, W3NGI, featured Mr. John Theimer, Engineer in Charge of the Buffalo FCC office, as the main speaker. Mr. Theimer reviewed organizational changes that will occur in the FCC office, the reasons for the lengthy delay in license receipts, and bills pending that might alleviate TVI and other interference problems.

Mike Caputo, K3YAK, of Meadville won the main door prize of a Digital Volt Meter (Heath model 1M1212) with his XYL's lucky ticket. The other door prize winners are: WA3UNX Bob Jackson--Matic Keyer Kit; WA3HRX Pat Cooney--Ried Vise; WA3IVK Ralph Losak--\$20 gift certificate from Amateur Electronics; W3AHH Quintin McCray--Flashlight from Duncombe Electronics; WA3LPJ Josi Jackson and K3ASF Gene Waclaw--Call book from Erie Electronics; K8IMX Clarence McDowell--5 gallon container from Duncombe Electronics; K3YAK Mike Caputo and WA3UDH Ron Kosciuch--Mini Products Balun; Chester Swartz, W3NXK John Kozak, W2HXP Ron Jakubowski, and Dick Quiggle WA3TYI--Fire Extinguisher from Warren Radio; W3NXK's XYL and W3TXZ Ralph Owen--Placemats from Johnson and Flick Tire Co.; WA3MAU Joe Miezowski, K3QHO Jim Fitzreiter, W3WZ Cass Jackson, Dave Wellman, K8NSM Hugh Williams, Charles Kurtzie, K2ZYX Willie Krause, K3KAP, Jerry Owens, Jack Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Owens, WA3IVK's XYL, Tammy Kosciuch, and W3WVG Dick Cum--Transistor radios donated by Mace Electronics; Charles Kurtzie, Gift certificate from VHF Engineering; WA3ZZK Gregg Kightlinger, W3PIX Dick Shreve, and K3TLP Jim Cihon--Log Book from ARRL.

PREZ SEZ by Frank Grace W3NGI

The word is "progress" in 1976--a bigger and more active RAE. Toward that end here are some of the activities being worked on: 1) Short and to the point business meetings, 2) Field Day Chairman is Ron, WA3UDH, 3) Picnic and Flea Market in August, 4) Tri-State banquet in November, 5) Licenseing school to start about April 1st (to be announced) 6) Active activity meetings to be announced. Please make every effort to attend the January meeting on the 15th. This repeater committee meeting is open to anyone who is interested. You do not have to be a member of the committee, or of RAE to attend. We need and desire to have your guidance and opinions.

'Till next month, think HAM RADIO. And in 1976 resolve to improve the state of the art--160 thru 2 and above. 73's Frank